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## Talks to Farmers

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### CORN AND HOGS.

Farmers in Tennessee are gathering a normal crop of corn this year, and there has been a considerable carry-over of the 1920 crop of corn. The corn crop throughout the country is reported normal, with a considerable carry-over from last year. So naturally there is no immediate prospect for a good price for corn.

While that is true, we have an unusual condition regarding the hog market, normally, the price of corn and hogs fluctuate together. I remember as a boy, when corn sold for 50 cents a bushel, bacon sold for 10 cents per pound. The same relative prices will not prevail during the coming year, because we have a normal crop of corn with considerable carry-over and fewer hogs than at any time within my memory. I know of very few sections of the State which have enough hogs to supply the local demand.

For the above reasons we may expect the market for hogs to be good. The farmer who will buy brood sows can in a short time grow pigs and within the year produce meat that, from present indications, will sell for a good price. In this way the farmer can realize a better price for his corn than he could of hoped to secure by selling the corn on the grain market. Raising and feeding hogs gives the farmer a quicker turnover for his crop than in any other way.

Now that hogs can be immunized from cholera and "hogflu," there is not the danger of loss there was before preventive serums were perfected.

With present prices for feeder steers and the low prices for hay and roughage, it would be well for farmers to do some thinking and give some study to market conditions before rushing their feeder cattle on the market. Well-informed cattle men agree that by next spring the market will justify carrying over cattle, and by feeding on the farm, much fertilizing material could be retained. If we expect to make money in live stock, we cannot get out of the game when prices slump and get back in it when prices are at their best. We must get good foundation stock, give them good feed and attention, accept the lean years when they come, and be ready when the market is good to have something to market.

Prices for farm products are going to be better because the supplies accumulated during the war for the European market, and did not reach that market because of the sudden ending of the war, have by now been disposed of. The dumping of the war surplus on the home market, and the slowing up of production because of the low prices caused thereby, has resulted in the depletion of the surplus. Another fact that will result in increased prices for farm products is that a smaller percentage of our population than ever before is now engaged in the production of food crops.

I repeat that the present time and conditions are opportune for the wide-awake farmer to fortify himself for maximum production by securing, at present favorable prices, foundation stock for the future, and at the same time restore to the soil the fertility taken from in the production of crops to it

meet the demands of war times. By the time the farmers will be ready with their products, we have every reason to expect satisfactory prices.

I also wish to repeat that we are not wanting in opportunities for success in our work as farmers. The question is will we have the capacity to recognize and profit by the splendid opportunities that will be open to us.

### COLLIER-JOHNSON.

Miss Virgie Johnson and Paul Collier were married at the home of the bride near Morris Chapel last Friday afternoon, friends and relatives being present.

Mrs. Collier is the daughter of T. J. Johnson, and is a most excellent young lady. Mr. Collier resides at Helena, Ark., and is officially connected with the Frisco Railway Co. After a tour of the Northwest they will be at home to their friends in Helena.

The Chronicle joins in offering congratulations and best wishes.

As in years past, the Y. M. C. A. plans to cooperate in the National observance of "Father and Son Week," November 6 to 12. President Harding has issued a special message commending the observance of this week as a means of strengthening the home ties upon which the strength of our Nation depends.

Several years ago the world was astonished at the invention of a "noiseless" gun. Now United States Army experts have succeeded in making a "flashless" gunpowder. With smokeless powder, which is now in general use, it will be possible to conceal the location of a battery of guns, even when fired at night.

For Sale—Map of the world and the United States, latest edition. Call at The Chronicle office.

## CLYDE V. SPENCE DIED SATURDAY

Clyde V. Spence, aged 41, died at his home on Main Street south Saturday night about 9 o'clock, of typhoid fever. He had been in bad health for some time, and when the fever developed his system was too weak to resist it.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Cora Spence, and five children, Hazel, who is quite sick with the fever, Harris, Helen, Ruth and Jesse Willard Spence, and two sisters, Mrs. Ella Spence and Mrs. Jennie Cain, of Sugar Tree.

He was a member of the Baptist Church, having identified himself with this church some seven years ago. He was a member of the Masonic order for a period of about twenty years.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. W. Henley on Sunday afternoon and interment followed at Camden Cemetery, attended with the usual Masonic honors.

## DIVERSIFIED FARMING AN IMPORTANT FACTOR

That the greater part of Tennessee has felt the shock of deflation less severely than other sections of the South is due largely, if not entirely, to the great diversity of the agricultural crops and diversity of her manufacturing interests in the cities, is the opinion of specialists of the extension service, University of Tennessee.

Diversity of agricultural and industrial products has saved the day for this section while the one-crop sections and the one industry towns are on a low level of activity with the specter of bankruptcy stalking through them.

The most potent factor in diversified farming is the County Agent, the trained specialist, whose work is constructive and stimulative, who interests the boys and girls of

the farm in the fundamentals of agriculture, who improves rural social conditions and by investing farming operations with a dignity and importance which they never before had, holds the boys and the girls on the farm.

Some counties in the South have withdrawn support from the county and home demonstration agents. Such a policy is penny wise and pound foolish, and the best argument against it is the comparatively good condition today of those sections of the country that produce a diversity of crops and larger crops at the minimum of cost.

If diversified farming is successful, it means that a great deal more cattle, hogs and sheep are going to be raised and fattened in the South. Every well regulated farm should have a definite livestock program, the farmer should determine how many cattle, sheep and hogs he can profitably handle on his farm, and keep that number all the time.

Benton County is harvesting the biggest sweet potato crop in its history this year. The yield is not as good as last year, but the total production is due to an enlarged acreage. Figures made public recently show the total production in the United States to be 114,000,000 bushels. One-fifth of the crop was grown in Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee. The estimated average value of the crop is \$112.55 per acre.

The Irish situation progressing so favorably, Lloyd George announced that he would come to America for the meeting of the Conference on Limitation of Armaments, but would stay only a short while.

William Matlock of Coxburg was in Camden Monday.

Leander Holland of Eva was in Camden Monday.

## PROCLAMATION BY PRESIDENT

A proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to pause for two minutes of prayer on Armistice Day, November 11, has been issued by President Harding. That is the day on which the body of an American soldier, killed in France, will be buried in the National Cemetery at Arlington, Va., with military honors.

The time set for the Nation to offer silent prayer is from noon until two minutes past.

The unidentified body has been chosen as a symbol of all the brave Americans who gave their lives in the World War. By this ceremony of the burial of one the Nation honors all.

President Harding and Cabinet members will walk from Washington to the cemetery, which is just across the Potomac River. They will do this as a mark of simple respect to the memory of the dead hero.

### HUCKRUM.

E. G. Flowers was in Camden Monday.

Doss Flowers and family are making their home at Big Sandy. Mrs. Auline Barnes spent the week-end with relatives at Big Sandy.

Ernest Flowers and family of Paris spent Sunday here with homefolks.

Dr. and Mrs. Fleming of Big Sandy were week-end guests of the family of Ed Redmond.

Mrs. Eula Barnes and children of Big Sandy are visiting the family of J. B. Barnes this week.

Mrs. Carrie Pierce and children of Bemis, who have been spending several weeks with relatives in this community, returned home the first of the week.

### RAMBLE CREEK.

Carlos Herrin is away on a trip to Jackson.

Mrs. Lillie Craney has returned from Cleveland, O.

Berthell Stewart left recently for New York City.

Edward Burnett has moved his family to Big Sandy.

Gilbert McKenzie and wife have moved to Point Mason.

Daniel Alsop and wife have been visiting on Sulphur Creek.

Jesse Nobles and Fred McKenzie were at Paris Saturday.

Miss Dot Bevell of Paris has been visiting on the creek.

V. H. Sparks of Paris has been visiting in this community.

Peddler McConnell is recovering from an attack of typhoid fever.

Delbert and Leo Nobles and William Stem spent last Sunday at Point Mason.

L. L. Watson, Bob Cantrell, V. L. Rasberry spent the week-end on Tennessee River.

Miss Lennie Jones and Ernest Phifer were recently united in marriage. They have a host of friends who extend best wishes for their future happiness.

### FOR SALE.

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## Auction Sale OF REAL ESTATE

On Tuesday, November 1, 1921, at 10 a. m. at the south door of the court house in Camden, Tennessee, we will offer for sale to the highest bidder on liberal terms to be announced on day of sale, the farm containing 69 acres, known as the W. C. Harris farm, located in the fourteenth civil district of Benton County; in good state of cultivation, fine spring water, well located, ordinary buildings; will give a full and complete description on day of sale.

Be on hand if you want to buy a cheap farm on liberal terms.

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